House Resolution No. 2742

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State high school sports programs that truly embody the highest standards of sportsmanship, teamwork, training, and perseverance throughout the competitive season; and

Whereas, Walnut Grove High School in the Walnut Grove R-V School District of Greene County sponsored a girls basketball team during the 2006-2007 school year that distinguished itself by accruing an impressive 28-3 win-loss season record and by earning First Place in the Missouri State High School Activities Association Class 1 State Championship; and

Whereas, the Walnut Grove Lady Tigers basketball team took home the State Championship trophy by soundly defeating Leeton by a score of 41 to 22 in Mizzou Arena on the scenic and historic University of Missouri-Columbia campus on March 17, 2007; and

Whereas, the Walnut Grove girls basketball Tigers worked their way to the top of Class 1 action by defeating Chadwick, 44-21, at Sectionals; Scott County Central with an overtime score of 41-38 in the Quarterfinals; and Northeast High School from Cairo by a score of 63-24, in the Semifinals round; and

Whereas, admirably guided by coach Darin Meinders and assistant coach Vern Meinders with help from managers Hannah Harman and Haley Harman, the state champion Walnut Grove Lady Tigers basketball team was comprised of seniors, Emily Simpson and Abby Creed; juniors, Lyndsy Hawk, Megan Hunsperger, Kelsie Koenemann, Sammy Horton, Kaleigh Kelley, Amanda Mosier, and Kara Mengwasser; and freshmen, Jessica Misner, Jena Tiller, Brittany Creed, and Brooklyn Countryman; and

Whereas, other group honors of the Lady Tigers included winning the Ash Grove Tournament and the Creator Design Holiday Classic and finishing second in the Northeastern Oklahoma Tournament; and

Whereas, individual honors include Emily Simpson on the All-Conference Second Team, Megan Hunsperger on the All-District Team and All-Conference First Team, Abby Creed on the Coaches Association All-State First Team, Associated Press All-State First Team, All-District Team, and All-Conference First Team, and coach Darin Meinders being named the Class 1 Head Coach of the Year by the Associated Press and the Coaches Association:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the season-long accomplishments garnered by the Walnut Grove Lady Tigers in 2006-2007 and to convey this legislative body's most heartfelt congratulations for taking First Place in the Class 1 state basketball championships; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of the Walnut Grove R-V School District's girls basketball program.

Offered by

Representative Shane Schoeller District No. 139

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 2742, adopted April 26, 2007.